



# Agricultural Report

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## NOTES from the DEPARTMENT

### FARMLAND PRESERVATION: A LASTING LEGACY

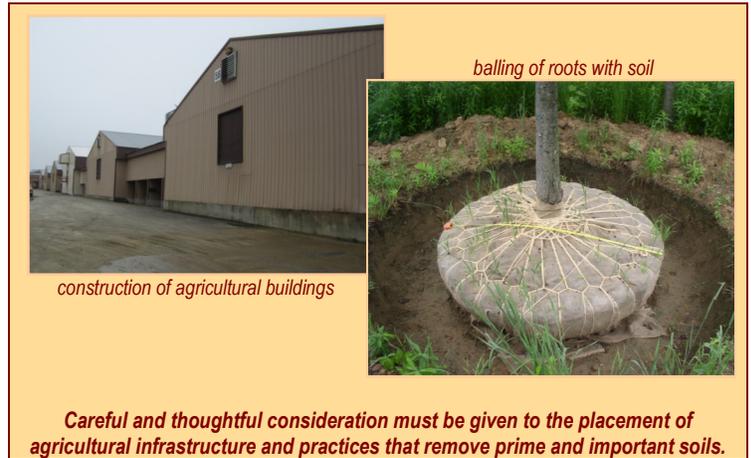
*By Steven K. Reviczky, Commissioner*

Connecticut's Farmland Preservation Program has made significant and lasting impact on the working landscape of our state. Since 1978, the Department of Agriculture has been at the forefront of protecting farmland in perpetuity, keeping it available for agricultural production today and forever.

Permanently protecting prime and important farmland soils and the agricultural utility of the land is essential and creates the cornerstones of Connecticut's effort to maintain its ability to grow food and fiber. In fact, Connecticut's investment in farmland preservation is an investment in soil—the best of the best farmland soils.

Agriculture will always be challenged with competing uses for limited land resources. Sometimes those challenges come from within. As with infrastructure and impervious surfaces, careful and thoughtful consideration must be given to agricultural practices that remove soil and are unsustainable over time.

These issues first came to light in the earliest moments of the state's efforts to protect its vanishing farmland. Soon after the purchase of development rights to one of the first farms in the program, the new owner built a range of agricultural buildings over significant portions of the protected farm, destroying some of its best soils.



*construction of agricultural buildings*

*balling of roots with soil*

***Careful and thoughtful consideration must be given to the placement of agricultural infrastructure and practices that remove prime and important soils.***

The state legislature and administration responded by halting the program until it enacted laws that clearly and definitively require the protection of the soil.

The overriding question is whether Connecticut will live up to its stewardship obligations in the long run.

Over three decades, the farmland preservation program has evolved into a program on which Connecticut's farm families and citizens can rely. For farmers and owners of farmland, the program is a meaningful alternative to the sale and conversion of quality farmland to non-agricultural uses. The program is a real option on which they can make business and family decisions: acquiring the neighboring farm, expanding or transforming operations, and/or transitioning the farm to the next generation or a new farmer. All taxpayers can be assured that their investment in these farms will result in the protection of Connecticut's prime and important soil resources, keeping these farms available for agricultural production forever.



*Farmland in Voluntown preserved in perpetuity for agriculture.*

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**WHOLESALE SEASONAL ITEMS  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
CORN,Ornmntl,20/3s	25.00	30.00
GOURD,Shllck,1/2bu	27.00	27.50
PMPKN,Hwdn,36"bin	160.00	170.00
PMPKN,Hwdn,wht,36"bin	220.00	220.00
PMKN,Pie,1-1/9bu	14.00	15.00
PMKN,Pie,per lb	.22	.25
PMKN,Pie,24"bin	160.00	180.00
PMKN,Mini,1/2bu	16.00	18.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION**

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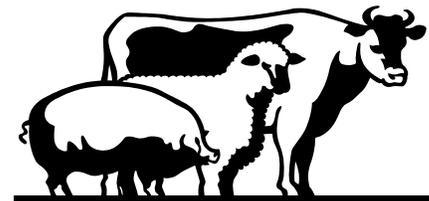
Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

49-54	220-300 lbs	58.50-60.50
	300-400 lbs	58.00-62.00
45-49	220-270 lbs	56.00-58.00
	270-300 lbs	52.00-55.00
	300-400 lbs	47.00-52.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	31.00-35.00
	500-700 lbs	38.00-39.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	12.00-13.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, October 8, 2012

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	28.00	36.00
61-75 lbs.	38.00	42.00
76-90 lbs.	47.50	55.00
91-105 lbs.	57.50	60.00
106 lbs. & up	62.00	65.00
Farm Calves	70.00	77.00
Starter Calves	35.00	45.00
Veal Calves	75.00	130.00
Open Heifers	85.00	135.00
Beef Heifers	80.00	94.00
Beef Steers	98.00	101.00
Feeder Steers	87.00	95.00
Stock Bulls	60.00	120.00
Beef Bulls	87.50	102.00
Boars	4.00	12.00
Sows	28.00	35.00
Butcher Hogs	33.00	55.00
Goats each	75.00	105.00
Kid Goats	30.00	145.00
Canners	Up to	70.50
Cutters	71.00	73.75
Utility Grade Cows	74.50	77.50
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	4.00	33.00
Chickens each	3.00	25.00
Ducks each	5.00	18.00
Feeder Pigs	9 at	45.00
Lambs	100	210.00
Sheep	97.00	150.00



**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**



	Low	High
APPLE,Cort bu,2-3/4,xfcy	34.00	34.00
APPLE,Gala,tote,8/5lb	34.00	34.00
APPLE,Hnycrsp,bu,no mrks	55.00	55.00
APPLE,Mac,80ct,xfcy	38.00	38.00
BEAN,Grn,bu	15.00	18.00
BEAN,Crnbrry,bu	25.00	30.00
BROCCOLI,Cut,20lb	14.00	14.00
BROCCOLI,14ct	12.00	13.00
CABBAGE,Grn,bx	10.00	12.00
CABBAGE,Grn,bg 50lb	8.00	9.00
CABBAGE,Rd,50lb	14.00	14.00
CABBAGE,Svy,bx	14.00	14.00
CAULIFLWR,12ct	18.00	18.00
CIDER,4/1gal	23.00	23.00
CIDER 9 1/2gal	27.00	27.00
CORN,5dz	12.00	14.00
CUCMBR,Spr slct,1-1/9bu	18.00	18.00
CUCMBR,Pcklng,1/2 bu	15.00	15.00
EGGPLNT,1-1/9bu	10.00	12.00
GRAPE,Cncrd,8-1qt	22.00	24.00
LEEKs,12s	13.00	14.00
PEAR,Bsc,4/5bu	31.00	32.00
PEAR,Sckl,1/2 bu	26.00	26.00
PEPPER,Grn bll,lg	9.00	9.00
PEPPER,Cbnll,1-1/9bu	7.00	8.00
PEPPER,Rd bll,1-1/9bu	14.00	14.00
POTATOES,10lb,szA	1.90	1.90
POTATOES,Rsst,90ct	11.00	12.00
SQUASH,Acrn,bu	12.00	13.00
SQUASH,Bttrcp,1-1/9	16.00	18.00
SQUASH,Bttrnt,1-1/9	12.00	12.00
SQUASH,Grn,1/2bu,fncy	10.00	12.00
SQUASH,Yllw,1/2bu,fncy	14.00	14.00
TOMATOES,Grp,12/1pt	5.00	9.00
TOMATOES,25lb,xl	15.00	15.00
TOMATOES,10lb,hrm,xl	20.00	32.00

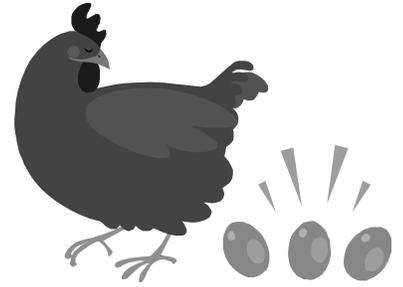
(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

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Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

<b>SLAUGHTER COWS:</b>			
Breakers	75-80% lean		
	73.00-77.00	80.00-83.00	n/a
Boners	80-85% lean		
	70.00-75.00	79.00-83.00	n/a
Lean	88-90% lean		
	62.00-68.00	69.00-72.50	55.00-58.00
<b>CALVES:</b> All prices per cwt.			
Graded Bull Calves			
No.1	95-125lbs	85.00-105.00	
No.2	95-115lbs	65.00-85.00	
No.3	80-125lbs	45.00-60.00	
Slaughter bulls	945--1895lb	- 90.00-96.00	
Holstein Heifers No.1	90-110lb	100.00-140.00	
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS:</b> Non-Traditional Markets:			
Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3			
	50-60lbs	164.00-180.00	
	60-70lbs	159.00-176.00	
	70-80lbs	168.00-188.00	
	80-85lbs	124.00-168.00	
	90-110lbs	142.00-164.00	



**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND  
SHELL EGGS**

Prices paid per dozen. Grade A brown eggs in cartons, delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.77-1.90
LARGE	1.65-1.79
MEDIUM	1.25-1.35

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA**

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Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, per dozen. (Range)

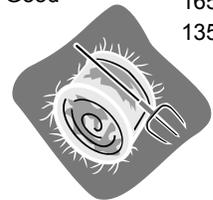
EXTRA LARGE	1.17-1.21
LARGE	1.15-1.19
MEDIUM	.94-.98

**PENNSYLVANIA HAY REPORT**

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Prices per ton.

Alfalfa, Premium	240.00-400.00
Alfalfa, Good	150.00-175.00
Mixed Hay, Premium	235.00-395.00
Mixed Hay, Good	160.00-230.00
Timothy, Premium	240.00-310.00
Timothy, Good	165.00-200.00
Straw	135.00-220.00



110-130lbs	140.00-148.00
Wooled & Shorn Choice 2-3	
50-60lbs	n/a
60-70lbs	n/a
70-80lbs	n/a
90-130lbs	n/a
<b>SLAUGHTER EWES:</b> Good 2-3: Med. Flesh	
130-155lbs	38.00-50.00
n/a	
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh	
110-155lbs	-54.00-64.00
160--200lb	-58.00-60.00
<b>SLAUGHTER GOATS:</b> All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.	
40 lbs	98.00
50 lbs	100.00-104.00
70-75lbs	124.00-150.00
Nannies/Does:90-125lb-n/a	
110-125lbs	138.00-165.00
130-160lb	130.00-150.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-140lbs -180.00-222.00	
150-165lbs	167.00-185.00

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### FOR SALE

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4-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290.

6-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm 860-376-2227.

10-R. Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Program, endorsed by the CT Farm Bureau, save up to 23% on your farm insurance and get better protection. References available from satisfied farmers. Call Marci today at 203-444-6553.

122-R. High Quality Christmas Trees: Fraser-Canaan-Balsam-Nordman-Concolor-Blue Spruce-Meyer Spruce-Discounted Commercial Grades available also! Hartikka Tree Farms (800)508-5099 [www.treeman2.com](http://www.treeman2.com)

136 John Deere 3970, 2 row corn chopper, new knives, shear bar & bearings, field ready. \$6,500. Kinze, 4 row corn planter, double frame, no till, excellent condition. \$5,000., JD loader model 146 quick hitch, \$1,800. 1937 Allis Chalmers WC tractor, unstyled, \$2,500. CAT 922 wheel loader, diesel, new paint & glass, good tires runs good. \$8,000. Savanna cross meat goats, does, 7 mos., \$125. ea. 860-537-1974.

141-R Wooden apple boxes 1 1/9 bu, 2000,\$4. Eastern apple box 400, new, \$3, 1/2 bushel basket, \$4. Call Doug 860-657-4172.

143-R Rain Flo 2550 plastic mulch layer, auto row trak and double drip asking \$3,300. Rain Flo water wheel planter all options plus extra wheels and spikes and 2 custom wheels, asking \$3,000. IH 450 3btm auto reset plow asking \$3,500, 860-951-8021.

145-R Christmas greens, wreaths, roping, kissing balls, many sizes and varieties. Samples gladly shown. 203-457-1344.

148. Quality 1<sup>st</sup> cutting baleage, clover, timothy and mixed grass. Loaded on your truck. \$50 per bale. Cash and quantity discounts. 860-824-4902.

149. 16ft x 76in equipment trailer. p.t. deck \$1,000. Older Gravelly L, not running, with brush cutter and sickle bar, \$250. 860-342-0364.

150-R Big Bee 6' Rotary Mower, New 2011. Used approx 12 hours. \$650. James Fazzone 203-250-6677..

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142-R NORTHEAST HIGHLAND CATTLE ASSOCIATION fall show, Mallory Arena, Big E fairgrounds, West Springfield, Massachusetts, October 13, 2012, 10AM. Public welcome. Free admission. Need info call 860-423-4995.

### FARMLAND PRESERVATION: A LASTING LEGACY (continued from Page 1)

The Farmland Preservation Program is blessed with strong support from elected leaders, consistent funding, dedicated professional staff, and spirited advocacy from key stakeholders who have come together through the Working Lands Alliance.

The General Assembly's Program Review and Investigations Committee is currently conducting a review of the Purchase of Development Rights Program. As in the past, the committee is looking at the inner workings of the program, how it carries out its business functions, and how it all matches up with the law. While a commitment of staff and resources, this is a welcome review.

As Connecticut closes in on its 300th protected farm and 40,000 preserved acres, it is time to celebrate all that has been accomplished. The program has permanently protected farms in every region of the state, built a number of wonderful protected farm clusters—each over 1,000 acres—and made a real difference on the ground.

As important, consider the lasting legacy that farmland protection has produced in terms of maintaining our working landscapes, adding to the quality of life we cherish, and contributing to the viability of Connecticut's family farms.



*Farmland in Lebanon preserved in perpetuity for agriculture.*

### 2012 FARM-TO-CHEF WEEK A BIG SUCCESS

The third annual Farm-to-Chef Week, an initiative of the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, ran September 16-22, 2012. Sixty-five locations participated, including restaurants, farmers' markets, healthcare facilities, K-12 schools, and colleges and universities. To date, 41 of those locations have submitted their reports:

- The 41 locations reporting thus far served a total of 46,379 Farm-to-Chef menu items.
- Each of those menu items featured one or more Connecticut Grown ingredients.
- The value of Connecticut Grown products used in those menu items totaled \$53,809.

Farm-to-Chef Week increases awareness among diners of Connecticut agriculture and farm products, and it supports the farmers who grow and raise those products. Thanks to everyone who participated this year, and to the 2012 Farm-to-Chef Week sponsors.

For more information about Farm-to-Chef Week and the Department of Agriculture's Farm-to-Chef Program, visit [www.CTGrown.gov](http://www.CTGrown.gov).

### COMMISSIONER REVICZKY TO SPEAK AT OCT 27 FOOD CONFERENCE

Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky will be among the featured panelists at the October 27, 2012, League of Women Voters of Connecticut Education Fund's fall conference, *From Land and Sea: Food for the Good of Connecticut*. The conference will showcase the role food plays in the economy and health of Connecticut.

The panel will highlight how food production in Connecticut can benefit the economy, improve nutrition in the home and on the job, and increase accessibility to state-produced, nutritious foods for all, including those in urban areas and/or with low incomes. A Q&A session will follow.

The conference will also feature presentations by winners of a competition for Connecticut Agricultural Science and Technology Center students to propose innovative ways to meet the goal of improving the state's economy as it relates to food production.

The event is open to the public and will be held at the Agriculture and Biotechnology Center in Trumbull from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. \$10 for students; \$15 general admission (\$20 after October 22 or at the door); \$35 for supporters. To register, go to <http://www.lwvct.org/events.html>, or send a check payable to the LWVCT Education Fund to the League of Women Voters of Connecticut, 1890 Dixwell Avenue, Suite 203, Hamden, CT 06514-3183.

For additional information, call 203-288-7996. Agricultural and food related groups wishing to have an exhibit or booth should contact Christine Lodewick, LWVCT Program Co-Chair at (203) 431-0147 or [plodewick@aol.com](mailto:plodewick@aol.com).

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization of women and men, encouraging informed and active participation in government, and working to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influence public policy through education and advocacy.

### EXPORTING SEMINAR TO BE OFFERED NOV 28

A free seminar on exporting will be held Wednesday, November 28, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Bryant University in Providence, RI.

Join Food Export USA Northeast and program partners to learn about the benefits of exporting and the services available to assist with the process. Topics will include the benefits of exporting, why now is a good time to export, financial assistance to make exports happen, and support available to companies looking to export.

For more information and to register visit [www.foodexport.org](http://www.foodexport.org) and click on "Programs and Services," then on "Webinars and Seminars."

### CT AG FAIR SEASON UNDERWAY

Connecticut's agricultural fair season is underway, with a wide assortment of local, 4-H, district, and major fairs around the state through mid-October. Fairs coming up this week include:

- [Portland Fair](#), October 12, 13 & 14, 2012
- [Riverton Fair](#), October 12, 13 & 14, 2012

More information about Connecticut's agricultural fairs is available at [www.ctfairs.org](http://www.ctfairs.org).



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